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### This Would Help China

Washington, Aug. 27.—The United States-China agricultural mission says that "a sound and comprehensive" agricultural programme would help solve China's internal problems.

The Department of Agriculture distributed on Tuesday the full text of a report prepared by a commission appointed last year by President Truman and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Parts of the report were published last February.

A sound agricultural programme for the war-battered nation, the mission said, "will bring substantial improvement in the living conditions of rural people, and will contribute materially to a fundamental solution of present internal problems."

Development of Chinese industry, the mission said, is contingent upon a simultaneous development of agriculture.—Associated Press.

### Jap Peace Treaty Discussions

Canberra, Aug. 26.—Empire leaders at the Commonwealth Conference here to formulate a policy for the Japanese peace settlement were expected to decide against any moves which would increase Soviet influence in the Pacific. Reuter learned authoritatively before the secret sessions clamped down on news of the proceedings.

Australia hoped that the other countries at the Conference would share her feeling that further Soviet expansion into the Pacific, even though confined to influence, would prejudice the well-being of the British Commonwealth in the area. Neither Australia nor Britain desired a vindictive treaty which, it was felt, would merely strengthen the position of the Soviet Union in the Pacific by turning Japan against the other United Nations, particularly the United States, which, so far, has been primarily responsible for the Japanese occupation and maintenance.

First light on the discussions at the secret session came after 30 minutes when a special communiqué was issued, saying the delegates agreed that the Japanese peace settlement should be held "as soon as possible."

There had been general understanding that the initial Conference should be on a governmental or policy-making level.

Views were expressed on the United States proposal that decisions at the peace Conference should be by a two-thirds majority, but beyond that there had been a general exchange of views on the voting system and the communiqué gave no details.

Dr Herbert Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs, was unanimously elected chairman of the Conference, on the motion of (Continued on Page 4)

### BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC CRISIS

## Whitehall Sees Glimmer Of Hope

### Anglo-Soviet Trade Talks May Reopen

London, Aug. 26.—Great Britain today warily received reports that Russia might come to her aid in this hour of economic crisis by reopening negotiations under which the Soviet had promised millions of bushels of wheat, tons of canned fish and enough timber for thousands of desperately-needed construction projects.

Reports current in London were said to have been relayed by a friendly Embassy in Moscow but they were received with something approaching pessimism because of the breakdown of previous negotiations after what had been regarded as auspicious starts.

There was, however, a well-defined feeling in Whitehall that some announcement regarding the Anglo-Russian trade situation might come within a week. On the other hand, a good Government source said he believed the Russian suggestions might have been made merely in bargaining with another power along the lines of "If you don't accept, Britain is clamouring at our door."

One point in favour of reopening of the talks is the convention of the Government's chief support, the Trades Union Congress, at Southport next week.

#### TUC ATTITUDE

The TUC is known to favour extension of British trade with Russia along lines advocated by the world's largest trade union, the Transport and General Workers Union, at its recent convention. The TUC, it was said, is less likely to be critical of Mr. Bevin's foreign policy if the talks with Russia are resumed.

British officials have been taking note of suggestions in various Soviet publications in the past few days for Britain to resolve her dollar crisis by increasing her trade with Eastern Europe. Britain already is negotiating with Yugoslavia and is hoping for favourable development of trade with Hungary following the conclusion of an Anglo-Hungarian trade agreement this month.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, might attempt to buttress public opinion by broadcasting to the nation an elaboration of the Government statement which he will sign this week.—United Press.

#### COMMONWEALTH INFORMED

London, Aug. 26.—While the British public waited apprehensively for details of the Government's new austerity plan, officials in Whitehall

were engaged in commencing the effects of the Cabinet decision on the flow of trade in the new sterling currency area.

Authorised spokesmen would not say whether there would be any mention of the overseas trading position in the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee's, announcement, promised after last night's Cabinet meeting and now expected on Thursday or Friday of this week.

It is known, however, that all the countries of the Commonwealth including the new Dominions of India and Pakistan, have been very fully informed by cable of the day-to-day movements in the currency position.

The Government has taken the Commonwealth statesmen completely into its confidence by telegraphing to each capital the true facts of a situation which has been barely unfolded in public.

Judging by the hints dropped in responsible quarters, the information so conveyed is of a kind to produce belittling in every affected country, and, in fact, has already brought its first tangible results in the plans announced by some Dominions to cut, still further, their dollar purchases.

Under the old arrangements, before Britain suspended the convertibility of sterling, Britain imposed no limits on the amount of sterling offered for dollars, but the Dominions voluntarily limited their spending in the dollar area.

The heavy dollar drain in the last few weeks of convertibility made it even more urgent to economise. Britain placed the facts before the other countries of the Commonwealth and left them to draw their own conclusions.

While some tightening up of detailed outlay is possible, it is not supposed that any fundamental changes in the direction of trade can be introduced.

#### BASIC POSITION

Basically, the present world situation is dominated by the fact that the principal countries with supplies to offer are in the dollar area, and the principal claimants for their dollars are in the sterling area.

In the case of India, for example, an authoritative source in London said today that there seemed little she could do towards cutting down imports from the Western Hemisphere.

India has already pruned her import programme to a complete minimum when she instituted import licensing in June. Virtually only the barest essentials, mainly foodstuffs, were left on the list even before the new blow fell.

India's current grain needs are between three and four million tons. Even if means were available for payment, this source feared, the full requirements could scarcely be met. India must, however, have whatever is available or face the threat of famine during the coming winter.

Like the other British Dominions, India and Pakistan will not directly feel the effects of the suspension of convertibility, because no transferable sterling agreements were made with any Dominion.

The gentlemen's agreements to reduce dollar imports to the essential minimum will operate.

There is a difference, however, in the practical consequences. Whereas, as stated, India and Pakistan could not be expected to reduce their claims, the other Dominions like Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, were able to revise their estimates of the "essential minimum".—Reuter.

### BOMB PLANTED IN SHOP

Jerusalem, Aug. 26.—Another Arab shop—the second within a week to be attacked by the Arab underground group called "Hurrieh"—was raided today in Jerusalem. The raiders placed a package under the counter and told the shopkeeper that the shop was mined.

One of the attackers fired three shots into the floor and ran off. The owner and his staff left the shop and three minutes later the bomb exploded causing considerable damage to the goods.

The police rushed to the scene of attack on Jaffa road near Jerusalem's old city walls but did not find the perpetrators. It was believed that the attack was designed to prevent the sale of Jewish produce goods. The shop sold Tel-Aviv shirts.

The High Commissioner, Sir Alan Cunningham, today met the heads of the anti-Jewish community in connection with the immigration of some 300 Afghan Jews at present in Bombay into Palestine.

Combined police and military forces searched the outskirts of Jerusalem today. They screened some 25 Jews and detained two for further inquiries.—United Press.

## Grim Winter Ahead: Half World Will Starve, Forecast

Geneva, Aug. 26.—A grim and desperate state of partial famine affecting nearly half the population of the world during the coming winter was predicted today by Sir John Boyd Orr, director general of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, at the plenary of its third session.

"Next winter and spring many millions in Europe will be worse fed than during the war," while in Asia there is "little hope of any substantial improvement this year," according to Sir John.

He warned: "Continued hunger tends to reduce people to sub-human level—this state of affairs continues so long that there is danger that the science of the world will become stunted."

He cautioned against a tendency to believe that countries which were large producers of food might become self-sufficient. "This might take us back to the chaotic conditions in the late twenties which contributed to the world economic crisis," he said.

#### PRODUCTION NEEDS

Sir John stressed that unless measures were taken on a world scale to present existing food-producing resources of the world, "human society may be faced in a few decades with food shortages which cannot be rectified by humanitarian, economic or political measures."

Food production will have to be doubled in the next 25 years to enable all people to be reasonably well-fed, he added.

Presenting the report of the Preparatory Commission on world food proposals, he said assessments of food situation were so clearly stated "that governments have no excuse for not understanding the position and considering what action should be taken."

He suggested that the FAO conference become equivalent to a world food Parliament where nations would consider the problems of different countries and decide how they could co-operate.

He urged that the FAO be given powers to do more than collect statistics and that a world food council be set up with power to take action and ask that loans be given by the World Bank to enable development of resources of countries lacking the necessary capital equipment.

#### SHADOW OF CRISIS

"The shadow of economic crisis is already upon us," said Sir John. "There is danger of drifting into a third World War unless something is done. By setting up a world food council, this conference can take the first step towards bringing order out of world chaos."

Viscount Bruce, chairman of the Preparatory Commission on World Food Proposals, speaking before the plenary session, warned that without greatly increased consumption and purchasing power, "a repetition of the economic disaster and human sufferings of the inter-war period appears unavoidable."

"The time for talking is over—action is necessary if civilisation, as we have known it, is to survive," he added.

Presenting a report of the Preparatory Commission he cautioned that only by a vast increase in the world's wealth could the necessary expansion of economy be achieved. The most significant advance could be effected by development through science and modern techniques of the latent resources of vast advanced countries.

#### VAST ACTION REQUIRED

"By this means, a social and economic advance comparable to, if not surpassing, that of the 10th century could be brought about."

He said the Preparatory Commission's view was that vast action was necessary, involving great international credits.

Lord Bruce said the Commission's report recommended submission to the FAO by all member nations of annual agricultural and nutritional programmes as well as the establishment of a council of the FAO to act between conferences and to coordinate agricultural and nutritional programmes as well as establishment of progressive co-operation between nations.

Mr. Andre Mayer, chairman of the FAO Executive Committee, submitting the Executive Committee's report, warned that next year would be just as difficult as the current year, and before we can think of raising the nutritional standards of populations we must first take steps to preserve them. The FAO could not do this by technical measures alone, but necessitated economic measures as well.—United Press.

#### CATTLE SLAUGHTERED

Berlin, Aug. 26.—Farmers in the British zone slaughtered 300,000 head of cattle and 700,000 pigs during the drought which burnt up fodder crops, the British-licensed newspaper "Telegraf" reported today.

Farmers in Wuertemberg in the American zone were reportedly slaughtering their livestock on a large scale, the newspaper said.

The Soviet authorities have taken strong measures to save the crops affected by the drought in their zone, the Soviet-licensed agency ADN reported today.

In a programme given to German authorities throughout their zone, the Soviet administration prohibited the conversion of potatoes into alcohol and ordered local offices to raise sufficient labour to rush harvesting of all crops. The administration also ordered that all motor vehicles must be diverted to farms to lift harvests and severe penalties will be imposed on black marketers for concentration of all available farm machinery. It also ordered the establishment of food commissions in all localities.—United Press.

## UN ISSUES AN EMPHATIC "CEASE FIRE" ORDER

Lake Success, Aug. 26.—The United Nations Security Council, with Russia and the United States voting alike, repeated the cease fire order to the Dutch and Indonesians and called for "strict" adherence from both parties.

The Council decisively defeated an attempt by the colonial powers to cast doubt on the United Nations' right to intervene in the Indonesian dispute. It set a far-reaching precedent, possibly paving the way for intervention in future conflicts between independence-seeking colonial peoples and their rulers.

On this issue, the rare display of Soviet-American agreement faded. The United States joined Britain, France and Belgium in an unsuccessful attempt to refer to the International Court of Justice the question of United Nations' right to intervene in the Indonesian dispute. Belgium proposed this.

Russia and five other countries refrained from voting, Poland voted against it, so the measure died for lack of the necessary seven-vote majority.

The question of jurisdiction was first raised by the Netherlands which insisted at almost every meeting that the United Nations

## MIDDLESEX FORGE AHEAD IN CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP

London, Aug. 26.—Middlesex, by winning outright against Surrey, and with their nearest rivals Gloucester, being held to a pointless draw by Hampshire, forged ahead in the race for the country cricket championship. Middlesex have only to win one of their remaining two games to become champions.

A grand two-hour spell of bowling by Jack Plimsole, left-arm medium fast bowler, enabled the South African cricket tourists to gain a surprisingly easy eight wickets victory over Essex here today.

Play started with the teams level, Essex having wiped off the first innings arrears of 20 runs overnight without loss, but this morning they collapsed against the swing and pace of Plimsole, who had all the batsmen in trouble from the start.

He attacked the stumps fiercely, maintained excellent length, and whipped the ball off the wicket faster than he had done for a long time. The result was seven wickets—six clean bowls—for 47 runs in an unbroken two-hour spell.

Denis Wilcox, former Cambridge Blue, and County captain, alone withstood Plimsole's fire, but could find nobody to stay with him, and he was not out 24 when the innings closed for 102.

#### FULL RESULTS

Results of the County matches ended today were:

At Worcester.—Derbyshire beat Worcestershire by ten wickets. Derbyshire 205 and 26 for 0; Worcestershire 56 and 174 (Palmer 63; Copson, right arm fast medium, 4 for 45).

At Eastbourne.—Lancashire beat Sussex by ten wickets. Sussex 221 and 359 for 8 declared (Cox 103, James Langridge 70, John Langridge 53, Parks 53); Lancashire 348 for 3 declared and 234 for 0 (Pence not out 106, Washbrook not out 121).

At Lords.—Middlesex beat Surrey by eight wickets. Middlesex 402 for 7 declared and 51 for 2; Surrey 202 and 309 (Parker 75, Lake 60).

At Bourne.—Hampshire beat Gloucestershire match drawn. Gloucestershire 424 for 6 declared and 298 for 5 (Crapp not out 133); Hampshire 472.

At Nottingham.—Nottinghamshire beat Glamorgan match drawn. Nottingham 234 and 380 for 4 (Davies 103, Cliff not out 106); Nottinghamshire 301 for 5 declared.

At Taunton.—Somerset-Kent match drawn. Kent 402 for 9 declared and 102 for 6 declared. Somerset 248 and 248 for 7.—Reuter.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

County	W	L	D	Wicket	Runs
Middlesex	24	18	6	1,172	204
Gloucester	24	18	6	1,162	163
Lancashire	24	12	10	1,101	160
Derbyshire	20	7	13	1,054	128
Surrey	24	8	12	1,110	110
Gloucestershire	20	8	12	1,110	110
Sussex	20	12	10	1,110	110
Somerset	24	6	14	1,110	110
Nottingham	24	12	10	1,110	110
Warwick	24	12	10	1,110	110
Hants	24	12	10	1,110	110
Northants	24	12	10	1,110	110

#### IN THE MONEY

London, Aug. 26.—Little Dado Marino, of Honolulu, will receive £5,000—the highest sum ever paid to a flyweight—in Britain—as his share of the October 20 fight with the Irishman, Rinty Monaghan, for the vacant world flyweight title.

Marino's manager, Sam Ichinose, made a bid to bring £20,000 out of British promoter Jack Solomons but when after some negotiation only £250 came between the bargainers and agreement, Ichinose agreed to spin a coin by way of settlement. Solomons lost the toss and the final barrier to a Harringay Arena world title fight was surmounted.—United Press.

#### Swimmers Held Up

Dover, Aug. 26.—Three channel swimming aspirants sat on the beach together this afternoon, gazing disconsolately first at the comparatively calm water in the harbour, then at the sea outside, which appeared to be boiling.

A strong nor'easterly wind again made it impossible to think of attempting a channel crossing in the immediate future.

Denmarks' Elna Andersen expressed bitter disappointment at the lengthening period of her waiting for good conditions. Egypt's Fahmy Atallah tried to console her with "wait for the full moon" to which Peruvian Daniel Carpio's pilot, John Barwell added, "We hope."

Carpio had only a brief spell in the sea today.—United Press.

## Forestalling Strike By Farmers

Paris, Aug. 26.—Acting to forestall a possible farmer "sit-down strike" this winter, the French Government today tabled a bill in the National Assembly providing up to five years in prison and 5,000,000 francs fines for farmers refusing to deliver their wheat crops.

The measure was introduced as France prepared to cut its daily bread ration from 250 to 200 grams in mid-September following a disastrous wheat harvest of only 3,000,000 bushels. The loss of more than half of the wheat crop was due to the intense freeze last winter, and three months of drought and scorching heat this summer.

Warning of France's grave wheat crisis, the preamble to the bill said, "The present economic circumstances and deficit in our agricultural production impose strict discipline on all for collection and distribution of rationed foodstuffs."

#### INTOLERABLE

"It is intolerable to tolerate that any action, whether concerted or not, or any manoeuvres or campaigns contrary to the general interest should incite producers to reduce or suspend delivery or rationed foodstuffs or hamper their distribution. In these circumstances it is foreseen that anyone who brings about oratories to bring about any action, concerted or not, to oppose collection and distribution will be punished with a penalty of from six months to five years in prison and a fine of 100,000 to 5,000,000 francs."

The bill applies the same penalties to anyone inciting farmers, either in speeches or in writing, not to deliver the wheat crop.

For repetition of the offence the bill provides penalties of one to 10 years imprisonment and 200,000 to 10,000,000 francs fine.—United Press.

## Gale Holds Up U.S. Airmen

New York, Aug. 26.—A 40-knot gale in Iceland today held up the American airmen, Clifford V. Evans and George W. Truman, on their round-the-world flight in two Piper Cub 100-h.p. planes.

They had flown 804 miles from Greenland, and were due at Frankfurt, Scotland, on the next lap.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Tuberculosis Scourge

A NEWSPAPER contributor has drawn attention, not only to the high incidence of Tuberculosis in Hongkong, but to some of its contributing causes. The writer, while agreeing that overcrowding encourages TB, lays more emphasis, firstly on vitamin deficiencies; secondly on certain Chinese eating habits. Severely condemned is the widespread practice of eating with chopsticks from communal dishes. This is described as "disgusting"—a verdict only acceptable if the method does, in fact, spread disease. Not only to the Chinese, but to many foreigners, eating from communal dishes is palatable and companionable. Censureship is also directed towards a habit, common among certain Chinese classes, of chewing rice and converting it by hand into rice balls which are then fed to young children. Again this is claimed to be one of the most effective methods of distributing TB bacillus—a claim which, apparently, has the support of medical authorities. To dissuade the large masses of Chinese who indulge in these dangerous habits, it is suggested that the Anti-Tuberculosis Association should undertake a vigorous campaign—a sensible enough idea in itself, but it being vigorous, it

would also be necessary to be tactful. Any such campaign should be on strictly educational lines whereby people are encouraged to appreciate the danger and stupidity of their eating habits. To break down centuries-old prejudices it would be necessary to convince that not only was TB a shocking and highly contagious disease, but that alternative methods of eating food are more hygienic and offer a greater guarantee of immunity from the scourge. Any drive to educate people to change their eating habits would have to be long-sustained, because communal eating is not only prevalent in Chinese homes, but also in restaurants and eating houses. Allied to any such reform is the question of the increased cost to a family of providing separate utensils. The campaign, too, would need to be conducted by people well versed in their subject and capable of expressing their ideas in simple but effective language and illustrations. We are fully satisfied that every effort should be made to reduce the incidence of TB in Hongkong, but a crudely-prepared campaign against established Chinese eating habits would probably do more harm than good. In matters of this nature people can be guided, but they refuse to be coerced.



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# Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

WHAT a pity it is that your Uncle Nat left his Surrey Nest before he had a chance of offering hospitality to Dona Eva de Peron, the smashing ex-film actress, who married the dictator President of the Argentine.

Eva has been visiting Spain, where "Mister (Acting General) Franco and that part of the Spanish population which hasn't been shot yet entertained her with flower-decked streets, dancing girls and twelve-course dinners.

If she had come to the Surrey Nest she wouldn't have seen any flower-decked streets, though she would have seen plenty of weeds. We have never had such a year for dandelions.

Nor would she have had any 12-course dinners. But her Uncle Nat would have fixed her a couple of sardines on margarine toast, and maybe some canned spaghetti to follow.

If she had arrived on ration day, she might have finished up with a square inch of cheese. The day after that, of course, there would be no cheese.

According to the papers, Eva is anxious to learn something of the working-class life in England. What a chance she has missed.

After her sardines and spaghetti she could have come round to the local, slung a few pints down the hatch, played a game of darts and studied English working-class life at first hand.

Although the so-called working classes (who doesn't belong to the working class, anyway?) are rightly suspicious of people who want to study them (that's how Hitler started), they would have treated her with great courtesy and generous, open-hearted hospitality, which is more than she got from Mister (Acting General) Franco.

When she is older Eva will know the difference between the vulgar entertainment offered by little show offs like Franco and the genuine, though modest, entertainment offered by genuine, modest men.

Although we couldn't have offered her dancing girls, we might have done the Lambeth Walk for her if she got us in the right mood; and when she was slung out of the local, sharp at ten, we could have walked home arm in arm singing "Sweet Genevieve" and "Nelly Dahn."

A much greater ex-general calls himself Mr. Marshall. Why not Franco?

Even now Eva has a chance to study the English working-class as the guest of her Uncle Nat.

She can come down to the unfinished Sea Nest and watch some plasterers and carpenters at work.

Although the roof is falling down, thanks to the activities of the Royal Navy blowing up wrecks at sea, we could make her fairly comfortable if she doesn't mind bare boards and the smell of paint.

## The sweep

"WELL," said the Sweep, "I see we're all for the high jump."

"Go on?" I said.

"According to one of them there little old American reporters we've got the mark of death on our faces. Ow are you feelin' this mornin'?"

"All right."

"And you don't seem too bad, neither," said the Sweep, "though sometimes you don't look so of after a bit of a jollification."

"Nor do you," I said.

"Which you can't properly be surprised at considering you ain't so young as you was."

"That's right."

"All the same," said the Sweep, "I ain't never seen you look waxy and wistful like what this ere little old American says."

"Thank you."

"If you was to ask me," said the Sweep, "I'd say it was them there little old Americans what looked waxy, if their troops over ere was anything to go by."

"Ere ere," I said.

"Too much grub and a bit too fond of the ladies, I expect," said the Sweep.

"That's it," I said.

To say nothing of that there steam train that came. Cor, sufferin' war, that would make anybody look waxy."

"It certainly would."

"Nothink like fresh air and a drop of English beer to give you a bit of colour."

"Nothink."

"Specially the beer," said the Sweep.

"Too true," I said.

"Though English beer ain't what it was."

"It certainly ain't."

"Cor strike a light," said the Sweep, "when you buy a pint now it's like payin' two water rates."

"It is and all."

"Though, even now, it's better than that foreign beer. Cor luvaduck, I'd rather ave a nice copper ten."

"Me too."

"Still," said the Sweep, "you don't ave to worry about kickin' the bucket before your time."

"I ain't," I said.

"There's plenty what said we was dead in 1940. But we're still alive an' kickin'."

"That's right."

"And as for you personally," said the Sweep, "I reckon you're goin' to be a nuisance to your family for quite a long time yet."

"You too," I said.

"In fact," said the Sweep, "you might live long enough to be a nuisance to everybody."

"So might you."

"And just to prove you ain't a corpse yet," said the Sweep, "you might as well stand up and sink one for the road."

"Thank you," I said.

"The skin off your nose," said the Sweep.

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POCKET CARTOON



## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

STORIES persist about cows which give more milk when music accompanies the milking. Why not nationalise all the dairy companies, and thus benefit both art and agriculture?

Concert halls would be over-crowded if the unusual were promised a bit of cow-milking during the programme, and many a town-bred conductor might be excused if, in momentary enthusiasm for the wrong cause, he conducted the cow and her attendant instead of the orchestra. "Herr Wagner," we might read, "succeeded in getting the last ounce out of his orchestra, and the last pint out of Damsen, Devon Beauty and Bouncing Beauty."

Moo

WE might also read: "The Symphony was marred by a kind of howling sound, which seemed to belong rather to the byre than to a strict rendering of the work in question. Many mistook the sounds for an echo, or some other fault of acoustics, but the sudden shifting of his position by a restless violinist disclosed a cow in process of being milked."

Stan Trivett's future

EVERY boxing promoter in Europe prophesies a swift come-back for Stan Trivett. Gus Fothergill said: "The finish was a farcical accident. I think Stan was mesmerised by their absurd belligerence. If their two heads hadn't collided, I'm sure Stan would have knocked his man out at the end of round three. Dan was worn out with trying to follow Stan's lightning movements. Dan is no fighter, he is just an obstacle. I want Stan to fight again soon, to wipe out the memory of this fiasco."

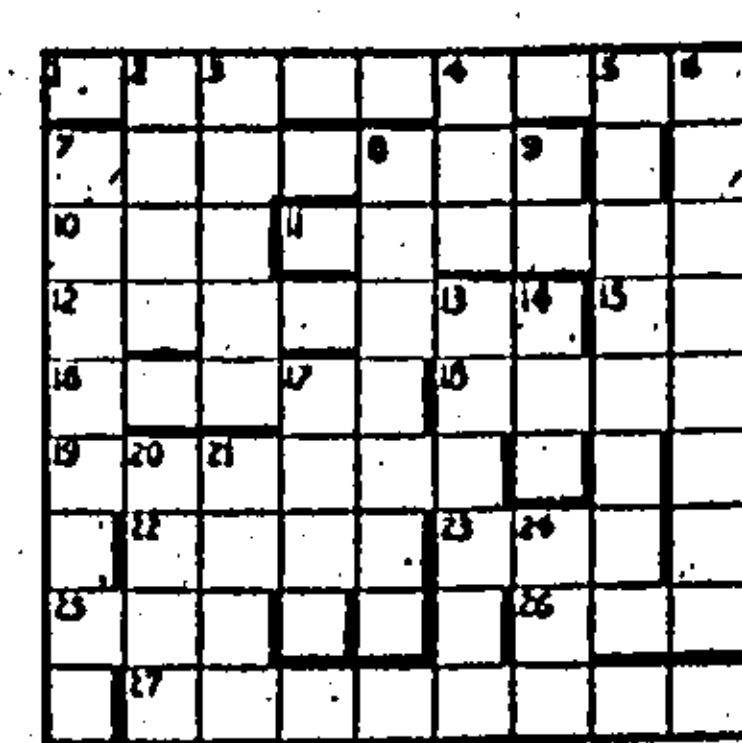
The fourth programme

A FOURTH programme, for animals, will shortly be started. It will contain nearly everything in other programmes which have hitherto been considered as entertainment for human beings. A corps of animal observers, empowered to enter private houses, will report on the effect of the programme on dogs and cats and canaries and pet apes.

Song of the workers

No smoke drifts from the chimneys. The great machines lie silent. There are pickets in the yard. For they sent us a new Manager. To get output increased, but he wouldn't join our Union. The filthy Fascist beast.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



1. As to one word for a monster. (4)
2. Paper head shall we say? (6)
3. There's nothing odd about this tide. (4)
4. Complete. (3)
5. This isn't a religion. (8)
6. Faint as a ghost. (4)
7. New tune. (5, 3)
8. Down
9. Where the rain comes from? (4)
10. This is a bird. (6)
11. Needs nothing to display a tyrant with a penchant for (3)
12. Drink exclusive to man? (6, 3)
13. Certainly no odds for the future. (6)
14. Bachelors found these ends not painful. (7)
15. There was a sapper. (3)
16. On away from the funeral dirge. (6)
17. New faces always end so. (4)
18. Unbelieving. (4)
19. Why leave prey for him? (4)
20. Split. (3)
21. Solution of yesterday's puzzle. (4)
22. Doreen, Somerset House. (4)
23. Doreen, Somerset House. (4)
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## BUREAUCRACY BLASTED BY SOVIET PRESS

By Walter Cronkite

THE Soviet press has called for "merciless exposure of snobbish officials and red-tapers" to liquidate bureaucracy from the government.

"Bureaucrats have not yet disappeared in our institutions," the newspaper Trud said. "They interfere with the work of the government apparatus, and are a blot in the fair name of the Soviet employee."

"Labour discipline has been weakened in many institutions. It is a matter of honour for Soviet civil servants to put an end to red tape, to the scornful attitude towards visitors, to violations of labour discipline and of working time."

Trud's blast came only after its reporters had assembled, after personal investigation, a bulky file on cases of bureaucracy in action.

Trying to get a pass into the Oil Industry Ministry involves going to several windows, waiting in line, and finally being told, when at the head of the line, that the necessary official is out to lunch. Trud reported. The final indignity in that office is that there isn't a chair to sit on while waiting for the official's return.

In another bureau where passes are given for access to seven different government offices, the same thing happens, but getting a pass is complicated because the telephone in the pass-issuing office is a house phone while the phone in at least one of the necessary offices is on the city line.

"Why are passes to all these places needed anyway?" Trud asked.

Another reporter recorded that employees promenade all day long in the halls of the Ministry of Fisheries instead of working, and because the lunch room is so far from the Ministry, they spend from one to two hours at lunch instead of the allotted half-hour.

Labour discipline is so low in that Ministry, according to Trud, that when the Minister recently gave written orders to one official to prepare materials for an important conference, "the official, without a word, locked up the necessary papers in his desk and left for a long business trip."

Clerks in courts, post offices and telegraph offices are frequently rude, according to the newspapers, and the principal function of secretaries of important officials seems to be to inform callers to "ring up tomorrow."

Getting down to naming names Trud, in another article, said the Gorki Oblast Board of Agriculture "has turned into a broken down office for tying and unravelling knots."

It said: Frequently, the settling of the simplest question is drawn out for months; important documents demanding speedy action travel from department to department. "You can hear frequently, 'Come tomorrow,' or 'That is not my business.' Such an attitude cannot be tolerated."

Similar inefficiency exists in the Coal and Oil Ministries where, Trud suggested, "it is to be expected that Ministers Comrades Onika and Balnikov will put Bolshevik order in the organisation of reception of visitors."

"In our country even the most modest civil servant, as regards the aims and contents of his work, is incomparably and immeasurably above the greatest state official of any capitalist country," Trud reminded, pointing out that with "unfiring war" bureaucracy could be eliminated.

Weapons with which to combat bureaucracy and red-tape, it said, were "strengthening of ideological work with civil servants" and "widespread development of self criticism."

"All forms of activities with civil servants would be directed to development of the political outlook of our personnel, raising the ideological level and educating them in the spirit of Soviet Patriotism," said Trud. "People should display Bolshevik irreconcilability to bureaucracy in solving great and small questions."

—United Press.

NANCY Can't Be Too Careful



By Ernie Bushmiller

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## Women BEAUTY ARTS

This Space Every Day  
By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Sonja Henie for Lois Leeds.

Let your hair gleam with highlights! You can keep it lovely!

### HEAD-LIGHT!

The spotlight shines brightest on lovely hair! When a girl's name is up in the lights, she owes it to her "public" to look her most glamorous whenever she steps into the spotlight, and nothing so attracts and charms an audience as beautifully groomed hair which gleams and flows in the beam of the "spot."

Sonja Henie, who enchants her audiences with her wonderful skill on ice skates, never lets them down from a glamorous standpoint. Her blonde hair is always groomed to shining perfection. Like other stars of her magnitude, Sonja knows that her hair is the "piece de resistance" of the effect that she must always strive to create.

One of the tricks mastered by performers like Sonja is the ability to change hairdos quickly. This requires that the hair be in perfect condition and easy to manage. When hair is always groomed to perfection it is easy to change from one hairdo to another. Such stars

use a liquid shampoo with a hair conditioning action, which makes the hair manageable and easy to arrange.

If glamour is your business, it is also important to look your best in private life. You never can tell when some "swooning" admirer may stop you to ask for your autograph. Miss Henie has the shining Golden Hair that lends itself to the shoulder-length effects as well as to gorgeous upswipe arrangements. One of her favourite evening hairdos is the one shown in the above photograph.

For this coiffure she combs her hair up to the crown of her head in back, then sweeps it to the side, where it forms loose, flattering curls. It is a lovely effect with any evening dress and is particularly ravishing with the new strapless fashions.

Sonja, like all of those lucky girls in the public eye, spends a lot of time in creating a Glamorous Personality. But any girl can take a tip from her and devote a little more time and attention to her Crowning Glory. Hair that gleams and shines from shampooing and thorough brushing is a beauty asset. So, borrow Sonja's technique and Gamourise your own lovely hair!

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by GABRIELLE



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### SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"That's just it! We'd better get married before there's a depression and we run out of money!"

## 56 LAWS PASSED IN ONE PARLIAMENTARY SESSION

BY ERNEST ATKINSON

Britain's Parliament has made 56 new laws since it met for the current session last November. Of these, more than a score are of first-class importance, including those which have socialised the country's transport and production and distribution of electricity, a range of acts touching the organisation and governance of industry, and measures of reform in the social services and local Government.

### FROM HERE AND THERE Hoodoo Ship

Cape Town.—The hoodoo ship, the 7,125-ton Fort Abilibi, on its way from Australia to Britain, is resting here after an appalling run of misfortune. The Chinese boatman was murdered at Melbourne by the crew, one Chinese of the crew was involved in another murder, off Mauritius an officer was washed overboard and lost, the chief officer died, the ship was held six months in Australia by the dock strike and when finally it sailed for home had unending storms and gales. Of the original crew that left London two years ago only the Master and the Third Officer remain.

### EQUALITY

Wellington.—When he returns from Auckland Hospital to his home in Barotenga village the native storekeeper John Turipo will be able to tell how the white man can lean over backwards in insistence on equal treatment for coloured people. No. 2 New Zealand has spent £200 and used two planes over 2,500 miles of ocean to get Turipo into hospital for a brain operation.

### RUMOUR FLIES

Washington.—To test how quickly a rumour spreads through Washington one official started one at 9.15 a.m. while another waited on the other side of the town to record what time he first heard it. Official No. 2 was told the rumour—that Admiral Samuel Dupont, who died in 1935, would get a big administrative post—exactly 10.35 a.m.

### PRICE OF VICTORY

Stockholm.—The organisers frowned when Nancy Bolton won the ladies' singles title in Sweden's major tennis tournament at Baastad. The prize was two dozen carnations every year for a year, and as Nancy lives in Australia the air freight will run into some £300.

### MACABRE PROCESSION

Nicosia (Cyprus).—The semi-embalmed remains of Archbishop Leontios the First, who died after the presence of typhus was proved, were rolled through Nicosia streets in a wheeled throne, perched upright wearing mitre and gown.

### AMBITION FOR YOUTH

Batavia.—The picturesque, 26-year-old extremist leader, Soetomo, using Indonesian youngsters to join the "suicide squad" to be trained and led by him, said that every member should be able to kill at least 10 Dutch soldiers.

### CONSOLATION PIECE

New York.—Deaths from a rinderpest doubled this year, a report announced, but still there is only one death for every 999,999 shown down.

### CRITICS' CHARGE

New York.—America, which used to like to criticise Britain for India, is now criticised by an Indian. Dr B.C. Roy, personal physician to Gandhi, Dr. Roy who came to America to study conditions for Indian students in American universities, spent a night at Lincoln. He went to a restaurant dinner but because he was taken for a Negro he was asked to leave. Dr. Roy said: "It impressed on me that America's caste system is similar to India's. As in India it can be broken down only by education, understanding and improved economic conditions."

### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. The mist on what mountain is never referred to as the "Tablecloth"?
2. In what part of the sky would you look for a rainbow?
3. "The Golden Horde" was the name given to what army in the middle ages?
4. What country invented fireworks?
5. What is the native home of the watermelon?

(Answers on Page 4)

### DUMB BELLS

REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE

IM AFRAID THE DINNER WILL BE LATE, DEAR, I'VE BEEN PLUCKING THE RABBIT FOR THREE HOURS AND IT'S NOT DONE YET!



The House of Commons has adjourned until October 20, and the House of Lords until September 9. The difference between the two Houses is exceptional, and possibly unprecedented in recent times save for purely formal sittings. It arises from the determination of the House of Lords, where Government has not a majority, to keep watch over any orders that the Government may make under the Supplies and Services (Extend Purposes) Act by which the Government has authority to use wartime powers in the present economic emergency.

In the House of Commons, where Government has, of course, a majority, the decision is to adjourn until the eve of the new session, which is due to open with a new programme of legislation on October 21. But powers exist, which the Government is pledged to use if necessary, to recall either House sooner.

Government set out on its last session with the intention of getting through Parliament powerful instalments of the new laws it needs to fulfil its programme for the industrial and social reorganisation of the country. In this it has succeeded, though present emergencies and difficulties have thrust themselves upward frequently and have brought back vision sharply from long views on reconstruction to immediate problems.

It is in some such mood of anxiety over current tasks that the work of the session has ended. Members of Parliament have been concerned about separating for a summer adjournment while the country is still in the thick of an economic storm and while the details of the Govern-

ment's plans to ride the storm are still being worked out between it and the trade unions and the employers.

### NATIONALISATION OF STEEL

Yet the conception has been upheld by the Government that legislative work which is necessary in its view to clear the way for the country's long term industrial recovery must go on as quickly as possible, and that the country will be better equipped against future economic dangers once the reorganisation under the new system is well under way.

The biggest bit of the major legislative programme has yet to come—the measure to nationalise the iron and steel industry. The question of when it is to be brought forward was discussed at the last private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party. Mr Herbert Morrison, who was speaking for Government, is believed then to have insisted that while Government does indeed intend to nationalise the iron and steel industry as soon as possible, the choice of time for doing so must be its own. A formal decision of the Parliamentary Labour Party on the matter was avoided. It seems, therefore, that it has yet to be decided if the measure is to be put in the programme for the next session.

### BITTER BATTLES

The only other nationalisation measure promised, but for which a place has not yet been found in the programme, is the bill to nationalise the gas industry, that may well come in the next session. Work is now going on under the Electricity Act to reorganise the production and distribution of electric power. Work is also beginning under the Transport Act, which after bitter Parliamentary battles has recently become law.

Material shortages of many things needed by the railways in particular are great, the new Transport Commission begins its work at a most difficult time. But its members are now being appointed and they will prepare for a formal taking-over of the railways, long distance road transport, canals and other facilities, in Britain.

Along with the measure of socialisation have gone several others intended to improve the Government's equipment for helping and at times, guiding British industry, and to give both Government and industry a better acquaintance with problems before them—statistics of the Trade Act enables the Government to collect the information it needs for shaping economic policy and the effective working of a policy of full employment; the Industrial Organisation Act marks out the paths along which Government help may be given to industries that are not to be nationalised; the Agriculture Act gives the farmers a secure and indeed a guaranteed place in the economy of Britain.

Much dispute went on over the National Service Act under which young men are to give a year's full-time conscript service and five years with the reserves to the armed forces. Government's first proposal was that full term service should be for 18 months. It reduced the period in response to a strong Back Bench pressure.

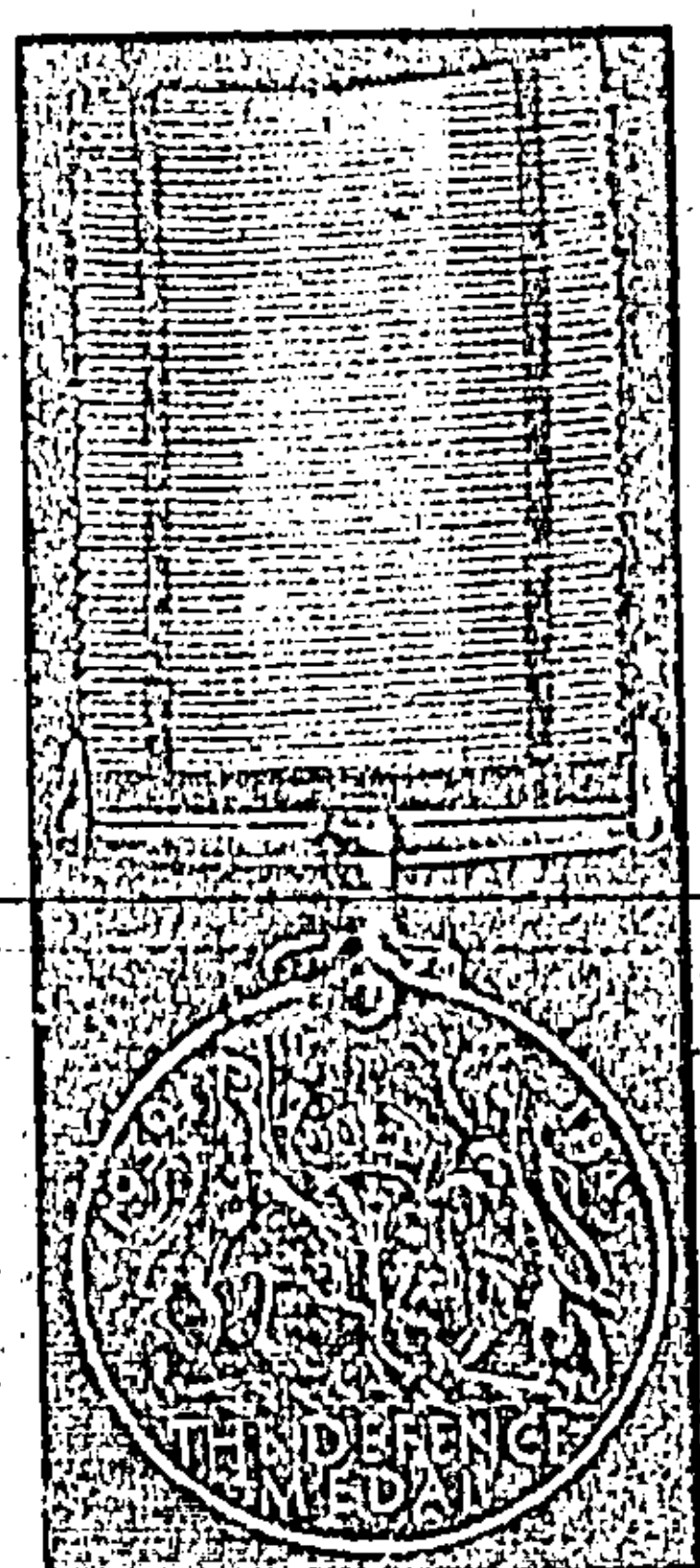
### OTHER REFORMS

Big debates on the economic state of the nation were notably that in the last fortnight before the adjournment and an earlier one commonly called "manpower budget" debate. The latter was intended to give occasion for a review of the human and material resources of the nation in parallel to the financial review of the Chancellor's budget in April.

The legislative framework has been set for other reforms of control of the use of land under the Town and Country Planning Act, whose aim it is to secure the best for the community of the land in the most densely populated country in the world; of the Company Law, of part of the structure of the Government Under-Ministry of Defence Act. And the normal procedure of the Parliamentary year has given occasions for a keen examination of the performance in such matters as housing, the working of the new Education Act and other vital domestic matters.

Historians will mark this Parliament as the one that gave independence to India and yet was able to see two new Dominions of India and Pakistan remain within the British Commonwealth. And they will mark its conscientious concern with troubled Palestine. For its commentary on the untragic international relations of these post-war years, they will read the powerful speeches in the Foreign Affairs debates of Mr Ernest Bevin.

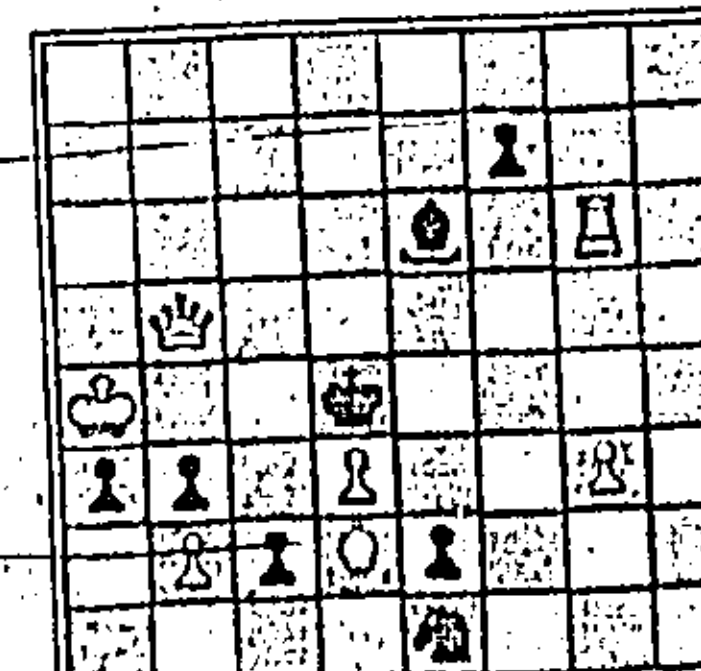
### THE MEDAL FOR THE MANY



Here is the Defence Medal, 1939-1945, the award of nearly all Servicemen, Home Guards and Civil Defence workers. Production work has begun at the Royal Mint, London.

### CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ULANDER  
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play and mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Kt-Q6, any? 2. Q.R. (ch) ch;  
or Ab1 ch, or K2 mate.

### Rupert and the Jumping Fish—3



Rupert goes at top speed and arrives on the river bank to find that the crowd of birds has flown upstream and are squawking in excitement about something. Standing at the edge of the river is "Rastus," the country mouse. "Rastus," says Rupert, breathlessly, "what's the matter with all these birds? Is anything wrong?" "There's a new kind of fish here," says "Rastus." "It has come up from the sea and it keeps on jumping out of the water."

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**No Cancer For Eskimoos**

A group of scientists has left New York for the Arctic to visit the Eskimo and find out why he does not have cancer or hardening of the arteries and why his wife has a low rate of fertility, reports United Press.

These scientists, headed by Dr Malcolm Brown of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, are also interested in finding out why Eskimo can live in fifth and yet stay in health.

Dr Brown and his associates will devote a large part of their investigation to the Eskimo diet.

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## Tripartite Talks On German Industry Reach Agreement

London, Aug. 26.—The United States, Britain and France have reached a basic agreement on the main points concerning the level of industry in the Anglo-American zone of Germany, it was authoritatively learned today.

## Better Crops In China

Washington, Aug. 27.—The Agriculture Department predicts that the summer and winter food production of China this year will be "notably larger" than last year.

In the survey of foreign crops and markets, the Department said, "for China as a whole, summer rains have been more than sufficient. Summer crops of North China generally are near average conditions, but drought in Shanai, rains in Kiangsu and South Manchuria have cut prospects in those areas."

China's overall rice crop outlook is improved, the Department concluded.—Associated Press.

## FARBEN TOP OFFICIALS FOR TRIAL

New York, Aug. 27.—Prewar links between German and American industry are due for airing beginning next Wednesday at Nuremberg with the prosecution of 21 top officials of the huge I. C. Farben combine.

The German industrialists were indicted on May 3 on charges of waging war, slavery and murder, robbery, criminal police activities and conspiracy to commit crimes against peace. If convicted they face death by hanging or prison sentences.

The defendants pleaded not guilty when arraigned on August 14. The indictment charges that one of Farben's greatest accomplishments for the Nazis was the weakening of the United States as an arsenal of democracy through the use of cartel agreements before the war, American corporations mentioned in the indictment stoutly deny this was the effect of any agreement. They have had, on the contrary they claim, their links with the Germans facilitated the war potential of the United States.

The indictment in part is: "Forben's prewar activities were carefully designed to weaken the United States as the arsenal of democracy through cartel agreements. Farben related products within the United States of certain strategic products including synthetic rubber, magnesium, nitrogen, tetrazin, aniline and sulphur drugs."

In accusing the Farben officials of furthering Hitler's war aims, the indictment said: "Early in 1940 Farben began to take active measures in anticipation of a possible war with the United States. A plan was adopted for the Americanization of Farben, most important assets in the United States, the General Aniline and Film Corporation, which Farben owned through the I.C. Chemie of Switzerland."

Early in 1942, the American Government seized General Aniline and ordered the removal of all officials. Some 600 employees were ordered to be discharged, whose records and backgrounds gave the FBI and other government investigating agencies reason to believe they were or might be subversive.—Associated Press.

## Refugees Pour Into Delhi

New Delhi, Aug. 26.—More than 120,000 Hindu, Sikh and Moslem refugees seeking to escape from the bloody Punjab rioting have poured into Delhi by foot, train and car, and the city "can hold no more," the City District Commissioner announced today.

The trouble which broke out yesterday between opposing refugee factions was, under control today, following the imposition of a curfew, but strong forces of troops and police still patrolled the streets of Old Delhi to guard against the government's determination to put down any communal clashes.

Reports from the East Punjab town of Ambala said thousands of Moslem refugees from the Hindu majority in Punjab were streaming on the road between Ambala and Lahore because they were unable to go back or to go farther.

Late reports from riot-ridden areas of the Punjab report that the situation is quieter in the main towns and cities, but riots, arson, murder, looting and stepping of trains are continuing in rural areas.

Reliable reports said at least two private planes, participated in the Moslem attacks on Hindu and Sikh villages at Gurdaspur, Indian district of East Punjab. The planes reportedly fired rifles while flying low and have now been seized by the authorities.—United Press.

France was said to have agreed to an immediate greatly increased level of industry for the Anglo-American zone as essential to the economic recovery of Europe, under the assurance that this new level will not entail priority for the rehabilitation of the Ruhr industry over France's own recovery plans, or those of other Allied countries in Europe.

The delegations headed by the American and French Ambassadors to London respectively, Mr. Lewis Douglas and Mr. Rene Massigli, and Sir Gilmour Jenkins, for Britain, were felt to have achieved a concrete success in clearing up misunderstandings and anxieties which have hitherto existed between the three Western powers on the co-ordination of Germany's economy.

An authoritative source said the final meeting of the conference would take place tomorrow.

There was no plenary session of the conference tonight, but the sub-committees discussed further technical aspects concerning the publication of the final communiqué.

The French Ambassador denied reports that the French delegation had accepted the eventual fusion of its zone of Germany with the Anglo-American zones. "This is a flimsy report, as the question of the fusion of the French zone has nothing to do with the London talks," he said.

It is believed that the French delegation was satisfied with the recent Washington decision that the question of the internationalisation of the Ruhr be left open.—Reuter.

**Steel Production**

London, Aug. 26.—French delegates to the tripartite talks on the German industrial level were reported today to have given conditional approval to the Anglo-American plan to boost the ceiling on steel production in the two Western zones to a purported 11,000,000 tons.

Well-informed sources said a communiqué confirming France's conditional approval was sent today to Washington and Paris for ratification.

The original schedule called for a communiqué to be issued today, after the final full plenary session. However, the plenary session was postponed late this afternoon without explanation, probably until tomorrow. There was no immediate clue as to whether the delay was due to the tardy arrival of ratification from one or more of the governments.

The communiqué, as originally drafted, was understood to say that France would concur in Anglo-American plans to raise the ceiling on steel production in the two Western zones to a purported 11,000,000 tons.

Chief delegates continued private informal talks today in the absence of a plenary session. There was speculation that they might be discussing means of overcoming objections that might have been raised by one of their governments.

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Lewis Douglas, with the other chiefs of the American delegation, General Lucius Clay and Mr. Robert Murphy, met Sir Gilmour Jenkins and Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas of the British group at 10 a.m. today for private talks, and they were joined an hour later by the French delegates, Mr. Rene Massigli and Mr. Hervé Pharaud.

The chief delegates broke their conference at 2.30 p.m. for lunch, but resumed an hour later.

The afternoon talks lasted until 7.30 p.m., when the principal delegates left for a dinner given by the French delegation at Claridge's.—United Press.

## Reunion Island's Message

Paris, Aug. 26.—The Council of Reunion Island, former French colony, today sent a message of loyalty to the French Government on the occasion of the island becoming an Overseas Department of France with a Prefect and a Council General, or local administration.

Hitherto, the island has been ruled by the Governor-General of Madagascar.

M. Marius Moutet, Minister of Overseas France, sent a congratulatory telegram in reply on behalf of the French Government.—Reuter.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Table Mountain near Cape Town, South Africa.
2. In the part opposite to the sun or moon.
3. The Tartars (Mongols) under Genghis Khan.
4. China.
5. Africa.

## DAB... AND FLOUNDER

by Walter



## SECURITY COUNCIL TO DISCUSS VETO POWERS

Lake Success, Aug. 26.—The United Nations Security Council is expected to hold a special meeting on Thursday to discuss the whole question of the use of the veto by the Big Powers.

## 33 Arrested For Beheading Of Priest

Trieste, Aug. 26.—Yugoslav press reports said today that 33 persons have been arrested for the decapitation of one priest and the brutal beating of another in Istria on Sunday.

The Yugoslav-controlled All news agency said the persons arrested will be tried at a people's court.

The virtual ban on communications imposed by the Yugoslav authorities made it impossible today for persons in Trieste to reach Trieste to learn the condition of Monsignor Jacob Ukmar, pontifical delegate, who suffered a fractured skull and kidney injuries in a Communist mob attack in which Father Miro Buselich was beheaded.

The All asserted that the attack on Istria priests at Latischia occurred because stones previously hidden in the church belfry were hurled at "partisan peasants" who were "trying to participate in church services."

**Interference With Religion**

The agency claimed that the priests were attacked by "peasants" who were offended because children of partisans and youths who participated in the building of a youth rally were not allowed to enter churches.

The moderate *Giornale Trieste* said in an editorial: "The only safe way for Christian worship in Yugoslavia to continue is to have it recede to catacombs and hope for new resurrection."

"It is a great pity that the delegates of American churches are no longer in Yugoslavia."

Referring to the visit of Protestant clergymen to Yugoslavia recently and their report that there was no interference with religious worship, the newspaper said: "They could see for themselves now the value of Marshal Tito's assertions of freedom of worship and respect of religious institutions in Yugoslavia."—United Press.

## AIR CRASH MYSTERY

Stockport, Aug. 26.—Mystery still shrouds the crash of Britain's gigantic long-range luxury plane, Tudor II, despite a first eyewitness account at the inquest on the four victims today.

No technical fault was revealed today which would cause the silence, on a routine flight last Saturday, to fly at a low level with one wing sliding along the ground and it took off, and finally become airborne only to crash through the trees into a pond.

According to the log book, the plane had made its eighteenth flight with a total flying time of 130 hours and had its necessary safety-for-flight certificate.

Certain modifications had been made, including the elevator controls, since the plane's previous flight on August 13.

The inquest passed a verdict of death by misadventure on the four victims of the crash.—Reuter.

## Wallace Beery On Holiday

Hollywood, Aug. 27.—Wallace Beery is sailing from New York today on what he terms "purely a pleasure trip" to England, France, Switzerland and Italy. It will be his first visit to Europe for 10 years.

The actor said he had no motion picture plans in Europe, but he will go to Germany to entertain American troops stationed there.—Associated Press.

## Predicted Return Of Germans

Budapest, Aug. 26.—Clients tipped off the police that a fortune teller here was predicting that the Germans were coming back to Hungary according to Budapest press reports today.

The police investigated and discovered the fortune teller was Hermann Holthausen, former secretary to Hitler's personal representative in Budapest, Kurt Zsekmayer. Holthausen is now in jail, awaiting trial for his wartime activities.—United Press.

## INDONESIANS CAPTURE WEDNIT

Batavia, Aug. 26.—The Republican Army tonight claimed the capture of Wednit, only four miles east of the Sourabaya-Malang highway, over which Dutch mechanised columns raced to take Java's fourth largest city in July.

The fall of Wednit to the Dutch had been reported in the Republican communiqué on the night of August 21.

Tonight's communiqué also reported fresh Dutch aerial reconnaissance over Jogjakarta, and said that Dutch patrols continued to probe the Indonesian lines before the capital in the Salajata area, 34 air miles to the north.

The communiqué admitted the loss of Losari, 11 miles south of Salajata. But military communications within Republican-held territory were indicated when the communiqué gave details of Dutch attacks on six small villages nine days ago.—United Press.

**Van Mook's Trip**

Batavia, Aug. 26.—The Netherlands Governor-General, Dr. H. J. Van Mook, who yesterday flew to Samarinda to attend the inauguration of the East Borneo Federal Council, returned here late this afternoon.

Installation of this Council, which completes the federation of territory constituting the East Borneo region, was effected at Samarinda this morning.—United Press.

**Chinese Security Corps**

Batavia, August 26.—The Chung Hwa Federation of Chinese associations here, a majority vote today approved the formation of a Chinese security corps. "Pao An Tui."

The decision was taken following heavy Chinese losses of lives and property at the hands of Indonesians. The Netherlands authorities in Indonesia will give the necessary arms to the corps to perform the task of safeguarding Chinese lives and property.

The Republic rejected a request of Chinese Consul-General, Tsiang-Chia-tung, to have a similar force established in Republican territory on grounds the request was a "reminiscent of extraterritorial rights in China."

Meanwhile, the Chinese Consul at Medan, Mr. Li Chiu-chen, who is now en route to Nanking, has tendered his resignation. Aneta (Dutch news agency) reported that Mr. Li resigned because he was dissatisfied with the "passive attitude" of the Chinese Government regarding the discussions of the Indonesian problem at the Security Council, taking into account the countless Chinese victims of Indonesian atrocities.

Mr. Li also deplored the attitude of the Chinese delegates at the Security Council.—United Press.

**Chinese Consul Leaves**

Batavia, Aug. 26.—The Chinese Consul-General here, Mr. Tsiang-Chia-tung, today boarded a plane at Batavia for a two-day visit to Jogjakarta where, it is understood, he will discuss with the Republican authorities the position of Chinese nationals in Republican territory in view of the present situation.—United Press.

**Ban On Dutch Troops**

Batavia, August 26.—The Dutch news agency, Aneta, reported in connection with the British Army entering NAAFI clubs in Singapore that the Netherlands-GOC in the Netherlands-Indies had expressed a wish that Dutch soldiers should voluntarily avoid entering British clubs in this archipelago.—United Press.

**TO-DAY'S BROADCAST**

ZBW Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 640 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m., and 6.30 to 11 p.m., and also on 6.30 kilocycles in the 91 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 1.30 to 1.45 and 2.15 to 11 p.m.

6. Studio: Children's Half-Hour; 8.30. Lou Preager and His Orchestra; 9. Rudy Starke (Kyalophone); 9.15. "Music Time"; 10.20. Humphreys and Shepherds; 10.30. Torale Scene; 6. London Relay; World News; 6.10. London Relay; Home News from Britain; 6.15 Studio; 6.15. Bring You Music; 6.20. Classical Request Programme presented by Marion Glover; 6.30. B.B.C. Transcription Service; 7. The Britain Trust; 10. London Relay; News; 10.10. Weather Report; 10.11. Recital by Berget Weichmann (Piano) and Fritz Kreisler (Violin); 10.30. "Tales of Not-So-Long-Ago (For Dancing)"; 11. Close Down.

**France Relaxes  
Border Rule**

Paris, Aug. 26.—The Quai d'Orsay announced today that after September 1, restrictions on the crossing of the Franco-Spanish border will be relaxed.

Frenchmen crossing to Spain will be allowed to pass the border as well as Spaniards crossing to France, the announcement said.

The action is seen as the first step towards the reopening of the border in response to complaints of many French businessmen that they are placed at a disadvantage in international trade.—United Press.

## Tension On Jewish Immigrant Ship

On board the Rummeye Park, Gibraltar, Aug. 26.—A double cordon of soldiers and police, machine-gun posts and barbed-wire entanglements sealed off the docks when the Jewish "Exodus" refugee fleet tied up here today, and immediately began coaling for the journey to Hamburg.

Denso clouds of coal dust blanketed the decks of the three ships, increasing the already uncomfortable lot of the 4,800 Jewish stateless immigrants being taken to Germany after their vain attempts to reach Palestine in the President Warfield (renamed Exodus) six weeks ago.

The Jews were restricted to the stuffy, crowded holds and the cages on the foredeck until the coaling was completed.

There have been signs on the Rummeye Park that the tension of the long odyssey is beginning to fray the immigrants' nerves. During yesterday afternoon, the fingers of one of the Jews were crushed accidentally when escorting soldiers closed a

hatch, and a group of about a dozen younger, more hounded, refugees were restrained with difficulty by their leader from making a violent demonstration.

In a "parley" with the ship's officers, the leader asked that the soldiers responsible for locking the hatch should be punished. The officers refused, telling him that the soldiers were not to blame as they had not seen the fingers in the hatch.

**Ready To Fight**

Following the refusal, the leader said: "I want you to understand I am doing my best to keep the people quiet, but I am not backed by military discipline. The people are willing to fight if I give the word, but we are conserving our strength for the final struggle at Hamburg."

Members of the British crew of the ship are also increasingly dissatisfied with their assignment. Several of them said to Reuters' representative that they were fed up and planning to leave at Hamburg.

Despite the increasing tension, the Jews on board the Rummeye Park have been bearing the hardships of the voyage philosophically.

They are now on hard rations and their chief complaint is against the British Army biscuits which they claim are so hard that they are un-eatable.

Colonel Martin Gregson, commanding the escort troops on the Rummeye Park, Empire Rival and Ocean Vigour, told Reuters: "We are doing everything we possibly can to make the immigrants more comfortable during the journey."—Reuter.

**Two Jews Charged**

Jerusalem, Aug. 26.—A Jerusalem magistrate today remanded two young Jews for trial by a military court on charges of planting two bombs which exploded and derailed the Cairo-Haifa express on August 10.

The Jews—Yeruchim Krupnik and Mordochai Soffer—will be tried under the present emergency defence regulations which make train-wrecking by explosives a capital offence.

The attempt occurred at Wilhelm, in the vicinity of Haifa, where the Jewish engine driver was killed and the fireman injured, and one of the accused men was wounded by a police patrol while trying to escape after the bombing.

A bomb partially wrecked an Arab outfitter's shop in the Haifa road, Jerusalem, today, but there were no casualties. The shopkeeper was taken to have broken the Arab boycott of Zionist goods by buying from Jews.—Reuter.

**Anti-Semitism Condemned**

Cambridge, Aug. 26.—A resolution condemning anti-Semitism was proposed and seconded by members of the Arab delegation at today's session at Cambridge of the International Conference of Young Liberals and Radicals.

The resolution read: "We condemn anti-Semitism and consider that the Jewish problem can only be solved by the removal of all racial and religious prejudice and the establishment of a world outgrowing its anti-Semitic prejudices in accordance with liberal principles."

The Arab delegation, however, ultimately voted against the resolution when it was amended by the addition of the words "we confirm the principle of free circulation of individuals" moved by the French delegation.—Reuter.

## OPINION DIVIDED ON INDO-CHINA

Paris, Aug. 27.—Officials in the French Colonial Ministry appear divided on the question of negotiating with Ho Chi-minh's Viet-Naminese regime for an end to France's colonial war in Indo-China.

Socialists, following the directive of their leader, Leon Blum, and the recent Party Congress at Lyon, are inclined to support negotiation with the insurgent leader.

Contrary to this, Premier Paul Ramadier and Colonial Minister Marius Moutet oppose immediate and direct parleys with Ho Chi-minh. They would rather, according to informants in the Colonial Ministry, support a temporary coalition of Rightist elements—such as Monasties and followers of the Cochinchina spokesman, Le Van Hanh—with the Viet-Naminese.

Ramadier and Moutet believe that such a coalition would allow France to negotiate under more favourable conditions, it is reported.

Other sources maintain that the entanglements of the Annamite pretender, Bao Dai, are leading to wreck any negotiation between the French and the Viet-Naminese leaders.

**Embargo Delayed**

Some quarters stress that many persons in Indo-China believe the maintenance of Ho Chi-minh as President would lead to perpetual guerrilla warfare. Other quarters stress that any move to supplant Ho Chi-minh with Bao Dai would likewise lead to perpetual guerrilla warfare.

The French military commander, General Jean Elenne Valluy, it is reported, is awaiting the results of his campaign planned for after the end of the rainy season.

French High Commissioner Emile Bollaert, meanwhile, has again postponed his departure for Saigon, awaiting more definite instructions from the government. He has insisted upon having a clear-cut directive before departing.—United Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

On Saturday, August 30, 1947. The General Post Office, and Kowloon and Hong Kong Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be no ordinary mail collection on Saturday, August 30. The collection of mail from the pillar-boxes, the money order office will be entirely closed. Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. Mail close before 10 a.m. registered and parcels will close at 8 p.m. on previous day.

Manila, P.I. (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via S.S. Franconia (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Tientsin (Kowloon) via Macao, Tientsin, Shekai & Kongmoon (Sea) 2 p.m.

Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.  
Manila, P.I. (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney, Melbourne, London, Hong Kong, Peking, Canton, Luchow and Kuning (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Swatow and Amoy (Air) 10 a.m.  
Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney, Melbourne, London, Hong Kong, Peking, Canton, Luchow and Kuning (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Amoy, Foochow and Tainan (Formosa) (Air) 9.30 a.m.  
Japan (ordinary letters & cards only) (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Tientsin and Hiohwa (Sea) Noon.  
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Manila, P.I. (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Bangkok (Sea) 3 p.m.

U.S.A., Central & South America and Canada via S.S. Franconia (No Parcel posts for Canada) (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bombay, Madras, Ceylon, Singapore, Australia, Marseilles & London (Air) 3.30 p.m.

**DEATH**

LANDAU.—On Tuesday, August 26, 1947, at the Queen Mary Hospital, Aaron Landau, proprietor of Jimmy's Kitchen, (Shanghai and Singapore papers please copy).

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